

We claim:

1. An animal cover adapted to conform to the shape of an animal's body to deliver a temperature to a specific targeted area of the body, the animal cover comprising:
  - a. a body of the animal cover having an interior and exterior side;
  - 5 b. a plurality of cavities strategically located within the body of the animal cover to deliver a temperature altering regimen to a targeted area of the animal's body; and
  - c. a temperature altering device.
- 10 2. The animal cover of claim 1 wherein the plurality of cavities are strategically located within the body of said animal cover to deliver a temperature altering regimen to an area of the animal's anatomy selected from the group consisting of: neck, withers, spine, scapula, back, loin, croup, thigh, buttock, stifle, abdomen, girth, elbow, forearm, arm, chest, shoulder and neck.
- 15 3. The animal cover of claim 2 wherein the plurality of cavities are strategically located within the body of said animal cover to deliver a temperature altering regimen to the animal's muscle groups selected from the group consisting of: spine, shoulder, neck, thigh and hip.
- 20 4. The animal cover of claim 2 wherein the plurality of cavities are strategically located within the body of said animal cover to deliver a temperature altering regimen to the animal's joints selected from the group consisting of: stifle, hip, shoulder and elbow.
5. The animal cover of claim 1 wherein the temperature altering device is located within the plurality of cavities.
- 25 6. The animal cover of claim 5 wherein the temperature altering device is permanently located in the plurality of cavities.
7. The animal cover of claim 5 wherein the temperature altering device is removably located in the plurality of cavities.
8. The animal cover of claim 7 wherein the plurality of cavities form a sealable pocket for holding the temperature altering device, said sealable pocket further  
30 comprising a seal selected from the group consisting of: hook and loop, zipper, buttons, snaps and combinations thereof.
9. The animal cover of claim 1 wherein the temperature altering device is brought to a desired temperature by placing the entire animal cover in a refrigerated or heated

environment until said temperature altering device reaches a desired temperature and can be used to deliver a temperature altering regimen to an animal.

10. The animal cover of claim 1 wherein the temperature altering device is removed from said animal cover and is brought to a desired temperature by placing said  
5 temperature altering devices in a refrigerated or heated environment until said temperature altering device reaches a desired temperature and can be returned to said animal blanket and used to deliver a temperature altering regimen to an animal.
11. The animal cover of claim 10 wherein the temperature altering device is within the plurality of cavities which are releasably attached to said animal cover.
- 10 12. The animal cover of claim 1 wherein the body of said animal cover is made of a material selected from the group consisting of hook, loop, temperature reflective material, temperature permeable material, material that wicks moisture, and combinations thereof.
13. The animal cover of claim 1 wherein the body of the animal cover comprises a  
15 material that will wick moisture away from the body of the animal.
14. The animal cover of claim 13 wherein the interior side of said animal cover comprises a material that will wick moisture away from the body of the animal.
15. The animal cover of claim 1 wherein the body of said animal cover comprises a material that reflects temperature.
- 20 16. The animal cover of claim 15 wherein the exterior side of said animal cover comprises a temperature reflective material
17. The animal cover of claim 1 wherein the body of said animal cover comprises a material that is permeable to temperature.
18. The animal cover of claim 17 wherein the interior side of said animal cover  
25 comprises a material that is permeable to temperature.
19. The animal cover of claim 1 wherein the body of said animal cover comprises a material to facilitate the releasable attachment of the cavities to said body, said material being selected from the group consisting of hook, loop, snaps, buttons, zippers and combinations thereof.
- 30 20. The animal cover of claim 19 wherein the interior side of said animal cover comprises a loop material to facilitate the releasable attachment of the cavity.
21. The animal cover of claim 20 wherein the cavity comprises a hook material.
22. The animal cover of claim 19 wherein the exterior side of said animal cover comprises a loop material to facilitate the releasable attachment of the cavity.

23. The animal cover of claim 22 wherein the cavity comprises a hook material.
24. The animal cover of claim 1 wherein the plurality of cavities further comprise a material on the exterior side of the body of said animal cover that will reflect the temperature emitted from the temperature altering device towards the body of the animal for maximum efficiency of temperature transfer.
25. The animal cover of claim 1 wherein the plurality of cavities further comprise a material on the interior side of the body of said animal cover that is permeable to temperature emitted from the temperature altering device towards the body of the animal for maximum efficiency of temperature transfer.
26. The animal cover of claim 1 wherein the plurality of cavities are adjustable about the body of the animal cover for optimal placement on a variety of differently sized animals.
27. The animal cover of claim 26 wherein the plurality of cavities are adjustable about the body of the animal cover using a releasable attachment mechanism selected from the group consisting of hook and loop, snaps, fasteners, sliding cavities and oversized cavities compared to enclosed temperature altering device.
28. The animal cover of claim 27 wherein the releasable attachment mechanism is hook and loop.
29. The animal cover of claim 26 wherein the cavity for delivering a temperature altering regimen to the stifle is located on a flap of the body of said animal cover, said flap wraps from the outer thigh around to the inner thigh and is adjustably attached to the animal cover.
30. The animal cover of claim 29 wherein the cavity for delivering a temperature altering regimen to the stifle is adjustable about the flap of the body of the animal cover, allowing for optimal positions of the temperature altering device between the stifle joint and the abdomen/groin area of the animal.
31. The animal cover of claim 1 wherein the animal is selected from the group consisting of horse, dog, llama, sheep and cat.
32. The animal cover of claim 1 wherein said animal cover is a horse blanket and the animal is a horse.
33. A method for delivering a temperature altering regimen comprising the steps of:
- altering the temperature of a temperature altering device portion of an animal cover wherein said animal cover is designed or fitted to hold said temperature

altering device in a cavity and thereby deliver a temperature altering regimen to specific areas of an animal's body;

- b. placing the animal cover on the body of an animal;
- c. optimally locating said temperature altering device is near a specific area of said animal's body; and
- c. allowing a temperature altering regimen to run its course.

34. The method of claim 33 wherein the step of altering the temperature of an animal cover comprises placing the entire animal cover into a refrigeration or heating environment and allowing the temperature altering device to reach a desired temperature.

35. The method of claim 33 wherein the step of altering the temperature of an animal cover comprises separating the temperature altering device from the body of the animal cover, placing said temperature altering device into a refrigeration or heating environment, allowing said temperature altering device to reach a desired temperature, and replacing said temperature altering device into said animal cover.

36. The method of claim 35 wherein the temperature altering device remains within a cavity, said cavity being releasably attached to said body of the animal cover, thus the cavity and the temperature altering device are separated from body of the animal cover, placed into a refrigeration or heating environment, allowed to reach a desired temperature, and replaced onto said animal cover.

37. The method of claim 35 wherein the temperature altering device is removed from the cavity, thus only the temperature altering device is separated from body of the animal cover, placed into a refrigeration or heating environment, allowed to reach a desired temperature, and is then replaced into a cavity of said animal cover.

38. The method of claim 33 wherein the step of placing the animal cover on the body of an animal comprises adjusting and properly aligning said animal cover to allow for the optimally locating the temperature altering device at an area of the animal's body to receive a temperature altering regimen.

39. The method of claim 38 wherein the step of placing the animal cover on the animal further comprises wrapping the animal cover around the outer thigh and the inner thigh of the animal to optimally locate a temperature altering device between the stifle and the groin of the animal's body.

40. The method of claim 33 wherein the step of optimally locating the temperature altering device at an area of the animal's body further comprises strategically placing releasable cavities having temperature altering devices on the body of the animal cover.
41. The method of claim 40 wherein the animal cover is on the animal and then the releasable cavities are optimally located on the body of the animal cover.
42. The method of claim 33 wherein the step of allowing the temperature altering regimen to run its course comprises letting the temperature altering device deliver temperature to the animal's body for an optimally defined period of time.
43. The method of claim 42 wherein the step of allowing the temperature altering regimen to run its course further comprises repeating the steps of altering the temperature of the animal cover and placing the animal cover on the body of an animal.
44. The method of claim 33 wherein the animal is selected from the group consisting of horse, dog, llama, sheep and cat.
45. The animal cover of claim 33 wherein said animal cover is a horse blanket and the animal is a horse.
46. An animal cover adapted to conform to the shape of an animal's body to deliver a temperature to a specific targeted area of the body, the animal cover comprising:
- a. a body of the animal cover having at least an interior and exterior side; and
  - b. a plurality of releasably attached cavities.
47. The animal cover of claim 46 wherein the body of said animal cover comprises a material selected from the group consisting of hook, loop, temperature reflective material, temperature permeable material, material that wicks moisture, and combinations thereof.
48. The animal cover of claim 47 wherein the body of said animal cover comprises a temperature reflective material on the exterior side of said animal cover.
49. The animal cover of claim 47 wherein the body of said animal cover comprises a temperature permeable material on the interior side of said animal cover.
50. The animal cover of claim 47 wherein the body of said animal cover comprises a material that will wick moisture on the interior side of said animal cover.
51. The animal cover of claim 50 wherein moisture is wicked away from the animal's body.
52. The animal cover of claim 47 wherein the body of said animal cover comprises a loop material on the interior side of said animal cover.

53. The animal cover of claim 47 wherein the body of said animal cover comprises a hook material or a loop material on the exterior side of said animal cover.
54. The animal cover of claim 46 wherein the plurality of releasably attached cavities comprise a release mechanism selected from the group consisting of, hook,  
5 loop, snaps, buttons, zippers and combinations thereof and the animal cover comprises a complementary release mechanism.
55. The animal cover of claim 54 wherein the plurality of releasably attached cavities comprise a hook material or a loop material and the animal cover comprises the complimentary loop material or hook material, respectively.
- 10 56. The animal cover of claim 55 wherein the plurality of releasably attached cavities releasably attach to the interior side of the animal cover.
57. The animal cover of claim 55 wherein the plurality of releasably attached cavities releasably attach to the exterior side of the animal cover.
58. A cavity comprising a means for releasably attaching said cavity to an animal  
15 cover further comprising an interior side and an exterior side.
59. The cavity of claim 58 wherein said means for releasably attaching said cavity to an animal cover is a means selected from the group consisting of hook and loop, zipper, snaps, buttons and combinations thereof.
- 20 60. The cavity of claim 59 wherein said means for releasably attaching said cavity to an animal cover is a hook and loop means wherein the cavity comprises either a hook material or a loop material and the animal cover comprises the complementary loop material or hook material.